Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box

OCT 1 0 2001

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet of

| Complete if Known | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Application Number | n9/938428 | | | | | |
| Filing Date | 8/23/01 | | | | | |
| First Named Inventor | EUGENE M. BREZNOCK | | | | | |
| Group Art Unit | | | | | | |
| Examiner Name | | | | | | |
| Attorney Docket Number | | | | | | |

| | | | | U.S. PATENT DOCU | MENTS | |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| Examiner nitials* | Cite No.1 | I Number | nent Code² own) | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| al | | 3 949 747 | | HEVESY | 4-13-1976 | |
| _ 1 | | 4018 228 | | Goosen | 4-19-1977 | |
| | | 4122855 | | TEZEL | 10-31-1978 | |
| | | 4216776 | | DOWNIE et al. | 8-12-1980 | |
| | | 5129913 | | RUPPERT | 7-14-1992 | |
| | | 5827316 | | Young et al. | 10-27-1998 | |
| | | 5910 153 | | MAYENBERGER | 6-8-1999 | |
| | | 5972014 | | NEVINS | 10-26-1999 | |
| | | 6080173 | | WILLAUSON, IV et al. | 6-27-2000 | |
| | | W71080a) | | Young | 6-27-2000 | |
| | | 18P1517120 CW | | NOBLES et al. | 1-9-2001 | |
| -1 | | นรดบาดสมิ | 1 | WRIGHT | 1-23-2001 | |
| - } | | US 6187022B1 | | ALEXANDER JR. et al. | 2-13-2501 | |
| | | • | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <u> </u> | 007 |
| | | | | | | 001 1 6 2011 |
| | | | | | | TECHNOLOGY CENTER 13 |
| \longrightarrow | | | | | | 220 INVOLUGY CENTER 13 |
| i | | | | | l | |

| | | | | FOR | EIGN PATENT DOCUMENT | rs | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite 1 No.1 | Foreign Patent Document | | | Name of Patentee or | Date of Publication of | Pages, Columns, Lines, | |
| | | Office ³ Number ⁴ | | Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | Applicant of Cited Document | Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T ⁶ |
| | | | | | | | | _ |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | \vdash | | | , <u> </u> | | | lacksquare |
| | | | | | | | | ┼ |
| | | \vdash | | | | | | ┼─ |
| | | | | | | | | + |
| | | | | | | | | † |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | • | | | | | |

| | | | | The state of the s | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|--------------------|--|-----|--|
| Examiner Signature | Bu | Pm | Date Considered | 7/22 | 102 | |

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.